

PRESIDENT TO AID OF THE MILITIA

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—With a recommendation for their passage, President Roosevelt today sent to congress drafts of two bills providing for military departments of civil educational institutions. One authorizes the secretary of war to issue equipment, stores and supplies such as may be required for field instruction in such schools, and the other appropriates \$100,000 annually for the promotion of rifle practice in public schools, colleges, universities and civilian rifle clubs. Both bills were approved by Secretary Wright.

AN ARMY OFFICER ON TRIAL

MANILA, Dec. 15.—A court martial to try Major Charles Clarke of the Twenty-sixth infantry convened today at Mariveles, province of Batangas. Clarke is charged with having drawn checks upon the Wood National bank at San Antonio, when he knew he had no funds in the bank; with contracting unnecessary debts, and lastly with dilatoriness in answering official communications.

DIPLOMAT DIED SUDDENLY.

ROME, Dec. 14.—Nicholas V. Muraviev, the Russian ambassador to Italy, was seized with an attack of apoplexy while walking on the Corso today. He was carried into a hotel and died shortly afterward.

NIGHT RIDERS' TRIALS BEGIN

(By Associated Press.)
UNION CITY (Tenn.), Dec. 14.—The trial of eight alleged nightriders on a charge of murder began this afternoon. Judge Jones announced he would summon 300 men to be present Monday morning, when the work of selecting the jury will begin.

ANOTHER AUTO ACCIDENT.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—William K. Ganschow, a wealthy manufacturer, was probably fatally injured, and his daughter less seriously hurt today when Ganschow's automobile skidded on the slippery pavement and collided with a street car.

MUST WATCH OUT FOR THE BUGS IN AFRICA

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—J. O. B. Thompson of Indiana, who has passed much time in Africa, was introduced to the president by Representative Bede of Minnesota today. Thompson told the president the greatest danger in Africa would not come from wild animals or reptiles, but from poisonous insects. He said the bites of some of these have been known to produce blood poisoning. He recommended that the president sleep at night in insect-guarded places. The president asked Thompson to write him all the information he had on this subject.

SENATOR HANSBROUGH
UNDER SURGEON'S KNIFE
MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 14.—United States Senator Hansbrough, who was operated on for mastoiditis at Asbury hospital, is reported as resting easy and his condition is reported today as quite hopeful.

Want Rules of Congress Changed Some

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—One of the first things agreed upon by the members of the Hepburn rules revision committee in the house was a plan to make the fight for amendment at the present session. The work was started at once by conferences between members of the committee and Speaker Cannon and Representative Williams, former minority leader, as well as between the committee and other individuals among the eleven favoring revision of the rules.

Word was spread by a majority of the committee, which includes Representative Hays of California, that the amendments would be conservative. A practical disapproval was announced on such changes as the selection of a steering committee of the house to appoint the committees and the proposal to have the committee on rules elected by the house.

The outcome of the individual conferences with the speaker is said to have been an understanding that the entire committee will lay before the speaker after next Tuesday night's conference on rules, the amendments that may be agreed upon.

It is understood that the committee will ask to be authorized to agree to compromise that the speaker might suggest if desirable. The members who talked with the speaker today assured him that they were his friends, and that they wished to avail themselves of his suggestions. Republican Floor Leader Payne and Representative Dalzell will be consulted by the committee.

The committee of "reformers" of the rules are practically united on the Hepburn amendment, which would require the speaker, as in duty bound, to recognize the first person upon whom his eyes fall, instead of allowing him to arrange at the beginning of the day a program, designating members who shall be given the privilege of the floor.

Other amendments that appeal to the committee are to require the call of committees once a week, so that all bills on the "union" and the house calendars may be reached in due time, and to enlarge the committee on rules, though leaving it to the speaker to select the members.

MAY RECOGNIZE DEMOCRATS.

The Democrats are being interviewed to ascertain if they will consent to the committee being composed exclusively of Republicans. As it has been the reputed practice to invite the Democratic members of the committee on rules only upon a course of action, it is being urged that minority representation is a farce.

Among the reasons assigned for making the fight on the rules at this session are that a number of the so-called reformers will not be members of the next congress; that even a losing fight this season will strengthen the "reformers" next season.

The Democrats are taking little part in the discussion. The "reformers" claim that the house leaders will be surprised at their strength at the meeting next Tuesday night, which will be open to all.

AMERICA'S BATTLESHIPS UNSURPASSED

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—That the latest battleships built by this country are vastly superior to England's Dreadnaught was emphatically stated by Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans in a magazine article written by him wherein he strongly defends the American navy and replies to the criticisms of it made some time ago by Henry Reuter and others. Admiral Evans urges the superiority of thirteen inch guns over the twelve inch gun, and asserts that a change to a lesser calibre to conform to England's type was a most serious blunder. The leading features of the battleship's designs, Evans says, are battery, armor protection and motive power. Any one of these unduly sacrificed in favor of the other means weakening of the fighting machine.

MILL RECEIVERS' REPORT.

MINNEAPOLIS (Minn.), Dec. 14.—Receivers of the Pillsbury flour mills company, according to their first report to Milton D. Purdy, judge of the United States circuit court, filed today, have now on hand the sum of \$366,347 in cash, after conducting the business since their appointment, August 8. Taking into account the reports of the accountants, Marwick, Mitchell and company, the receivers estimate the company's liabilities at \$5,143,958, and the net current assets about \$2,124,028.

CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT

(By Associated Press.)
OAKLAND, Dec. 14.—A formal charge of embezzlement was this afternoon filed against Alfred Lebeuf, former cashier of Hale Brothers' store, by F. H. Walters, manager of the house. Charges comprise five alleged thefts, aggregating \$6361.

OUTBREAK SHUT OFF.

(By Associated Press.)
OAKLAND, Dec. 14.—Twenty-one suspicious characters, including six alleged Chinese hatchmen, are under arrest pending investigation. It is believed a threatened outbreak in the Chinese section has been nipped in the bud.

ELKINS IN CONTROL OF BANK.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Senator Elkins of West Virginia and a syndicate of local and New York interests have obtained possession of the stock of the American National bank held by Robert N. Harper, the bank's former proprietor, and now the head of the Washington chamber of commerce. The transfer of the stock gives the syndicate headed by Senator Elkins absolute control of the institution, which is capitalized, at \$500,000, and Saturday had \$2,200,000 in deposits.

INJURED BY MOTORCYCLE.

OAKLAND, Dec. 14.—H. Frederickson, a house mover, was run down today by a motorcycle, driven, as he said, by Henry Kohlmeier, at East Twelfth street and Eighth avenue. Frederickson's nose was broken and Kohlmeier was thrown to the ground and cut on the head. Dr. O. D. Hamlin was called to treat Frederickson's fractured nose.

EX-BANKER PARDONED.

COLUMBUS (O.), Dec. 14.—James Lingafelter, a Newark ex-banker, who was pardoned by Governor Harris that he may die outside the prison walls, was taken from the penitentiary today on a stretcher and will be removed to his home at Newark. He is dying of intestinal cancer.

WRONG MAN GOT BUNDLE OF MAZUMA

(Associated Press.)

PORTLAND (Ore.), Dec. 14.—A most tangible clue as to what became of the \$15,000 stolen from the East Side bank on December 7 became public today, when it was learned that two bills, one a gold certificate, and the other currency of large denomination, and the same numbers as the money stolen, was discovered in the postoffice at Ogden, Utah. It occurred through an addressee getting hold of an old newspaper in which was wrapped \$2400 in currency. The address was "Charles L. Price." A plaster of that name lives in Ogden and called for and was given the package. On discovering the contents Price hurried back into the postoffice and handed it over to the postal authorities.

STANDARD OIL GOES UP HIGH

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Speculative operations in stocks were restrained in the outlook in the money market, but in the absence of actual withdrawals of credits there was no pressure to sell. Marking up of prices here and there in the list was a sustaining influence and facilitated what profit taking sales were made without any effect on prices until a sudden relapse at the end which wiped out the gains. One of the day's incidents that had a sensational effect on speculation was the rise of the price of Standard Oil in the curb market to above 700 for the first time in over three years. Bonds were irregular.

CARTRO ARRIVES IN GERMANY

(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—President Castro arrived here this evening. His train was late, but was awaited by a dense crowd of people who gathered out of curiosity. As the train entered the station the president was greeted with shouts of "Long live Castro." There was a general lifting of hats and much cheering. His party was taken in an automobile to the Hotel Esplanade.

POLICE QUELL FAMILY ROW.

OAKLAND, Dec. 14.—The police were called into the dwelling of Charles Hansen, a glass worker of 1508 1/2 Third street, this afternoon to quell a row between the man and his two sons, in which Hansen received a cut hand, and because of which one son, Louis, went into a fit. The injured father and the fainting son were taken to the receiving hospital and permitted to depart for home.

ENGINE BOILER BLOWS UP.

BEAUMONT (Cal.), Dec. 14.—The engine of an extra freight on the Southern Pacific siding here blew up today with disastrous results, killing three men instantly and seriously injuring one. They were all residents of Los Angeles. The cause of the accident is unknown, but a board of inquiry has been formed to investigate. The force of the explosion was terrific. The boiler was blown a distance of 250 feet and the entire engine wrecked.

FATALLY HURT DURING HUNT.

KANSAS CITY (Mo.), Dec. 14.—Fred N. Sewall, president of the Sewall Paint and Glass company, and a well known clubman, was fatally injured here this afternoon while engaged in a hunt at the Country club. In taking a ditch Sewall's horse fell and threw its rider. Sewall struck upon his head and suffered a concussion of the brain.

DECOY ROLL IS EXEMPT

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—That real money used as a decoy in playing the "green goods" game is not subject to confiscation by the government was decided by Judge Ward of the United States circuit court today.

In arresting George Cheevers and Dennis Gayney for operating a "green goods" swindle, detectives seized their "flash roll" of \$1669 in genuine money. The men were convicted and are now in Sing Sing.

Gayney had ordered that half of the money be turned over to his wife and half to his attorney. United States District Attorney Stimson demurred. Judge Ward, however, ruled that the clerk of the court should pay the money in accordance with the order of the prisoner.

INJURED BY RUTGERS HAZERS.

NEW BRUNSWICK (N. J.), Dec. 14.—Declaring that their brother Henry, a freshman at Rutgers college, is in a dangerous condition as the result of alleged brutality in hazing, Harry and Samuel Jacobson of Elizabeth came here today and demanded an investigation. They said that young Jacobson was compelled to roll pennies across the main street of the college town with his nose and then beaten with pickets from a nearby fence while not in a position to defend himself. The boy, they state, is at his home in Newark under the care of a physician.

MURDER TRIAL ON IN NEW YORK

(By Associated Press.)

FLUSHING (N. Y.), Dec. 14.—When court adjourned tonight after two long sessions consumed in the examinations of talesmen, six jurors sat in the jury box to try Thornton J. Hains, the author, on charges of being an accessory in the killing of William E. Annis, shot down in the Bayside Yacht club last summer by Captain Peter C. Haines, Jr. Questioning of talesmen by Hains' counsel indicated the defense will be based principally on the proposition that Thornton, fearing his brother's life was in jeopardy from the crowd at the club house, drew his revolver and held the crowd back. His act was one of defense, not offense, according to the defense.

LAND WITHDRAWN FROM ENTRY

BUTTE (Mont.), Dec. 14.—A special to the Miner says the land office at Kalspell was notified today that land in three counties along the watershed of the Little Bitter Root mountains, where engineers are now making surveys has been withdrawn from entry in connection with the Flathead reservation irrigation project. The withdrawal order does not preclude settlement.